



**State of New Hampshire**

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS BOARD**

DURHAM/UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
FIRE DEPARTMENT

Petitioner

v.

LOCAL 2253, INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
OF FIREFIGHTERS

Respondent

CASE NO. U-0612

DECISION NO. 88-01

ORDER

On August 28, 1987 after having conducted a representation proceeding in accordance with RSA 273-A, Section 10 and PELRB Rules and Regulations, Local 2253, International Association of Firefighters was certified as the exclusive representative for the Durham/UNH Fire Department employees; i.e., captains and firefighters, all of whom are full-time employees. The Durham/University of New Hampshire as the public employer was ordered to negotiate collectively with Local 2253, IAFF, with an objective to reach agreement with the employee organization on terms and conditions of employment and administration and settlement of grievances.

Counsel for the Durham/University of New Hampshire on December 8, 1987 filed a Motion to Suspend Certification and Order to Negotiate pending its appeal of the unit determination to the N.H. Supreme Court.

The unit was certified on August 28, 1987 and despite the Union's requests in September and October to commence negotiations no reply was received from the public employer and Motion for Stay was not filed until December over 3 months after certification.

The Board reviewed the record in this case and voted unanimously to deny the Motion to Suspend Certification and Order to Negotiate.

  
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JOHN M. BUCKLEY, Alternate Chairman

Signed this 21st day of January, 1988.

By unanimous vote. Alternate Chairman John M. Buckley and Members Seymour Osman and James C. Anderson present and voting. Also present, Evelyn C. LeBrun, Executive Director.